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TOPEKA, KANSAS WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FALSE TESTIMONY UNDER OATH

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Jaime Michelle Moten**, 38, Topeka, Kansas, entered a guilty plea today before U.S. District Judge Sam A. Crow to one count of **intentional false testimony under oath**.

Melgren said that Moten admitted at her plea that on October 21, 2003, she intentionally gave false testimony, under oath, at a detention hearing before U.S. Magistrate Judge K. Gary Sebelius in the matter of *United States v. James Benjamin Goodman*. Moten admitted that she testified at the detention hearing that she was Goodman's stepmother and that she resided on Southeast 21st Street in Topeka, Kansas, when she was not Goodman's stepmother and did not reside on Southeast 21st Street. Moten further admitted that she gave this false testimony in an attempt to convince Judge Sebelius that Goodman could reside at his parents' home in the custody of his stepmother while his court case was pending.

Moten faces a maximum of five years in federal prison without parole. Sentencing is set for June 9, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives task force in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Hough in this prosecution.